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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 08/726,211

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For: INHIBITION OF BCL-2 PROTEIN

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Examiner: R. Schwartzman

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 16, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two-months up to and including December 16, 1999 in which to respond to the final Office Action dated July 16, 1999.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$340.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$190.00) for a two-month extension of time.

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If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/UTXC:504/STA.

Respectfully submitted,

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